3rd Session, 5th Parliament, 20 Victoria, 1857.

PETITION

Of the Reverend Francis Evans and others, Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, Diocese of Toronto, for certain arrears due them as Missionaries.

1030 A

(*Hon. Mr. Cameron.*)

3rd Session, 5th Parliament,

PETITI

Of the Reverend Francis
Clergymen of the Unite
land and Ireland, Dioce
certain arrears due them

(*Hon. Mr. Ca*

ORDERED, *by the* LEGISLATI
Printed, 16*th March*, 18

PRINTED, 26*th March*, 1857

TORONT
PRINTED BY JOHN LOVE

Session, 5th Parliament, 20 Victoria, 1857.

PETITION

he Reverend Francis Evans and others, ergymen of the United Church of Eng- nd and Ireland, Diocese of Toronto, for rtain arrears due them as Missionaries.

1030 A

(*Hon. Mr. Cameron.*)

ERED, *by the* LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, *to be rinted*, 16*th March*, 1857.

TED, 26*th March*, 1857.

TORONTO :
NTED BY JOHN LOVELL, YONGE STREET.

to them on the faith of the Imperial Government,
and therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that t
the arrears of income to which they are equitably
sterling, for the remainder of their lives.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will

Diocese of Toronto, C. W., February, 1857.

To the Honorable th

The Petition of the un
in the Dioces

Humbly Sheweth:

That in the early settle
England and Ireland were s
for the Propagation of the G
of sixteen thousand pounds

That prior to the year
Missionaries, and that relyi
in England, or its Agent in
that they should receive an
the possession of glebes, or

That, in 1832, the Parl
consequence thereof, the So
Government grant.

That the Society and t
hardship of subjecting to a
Great Britain, in the service
the faith of the continuanc
these representations, and r
and therefore, amongst oth
Society entirely from the ch
sterling, as the pensions of

That they confined the
Colonial resources there, of
ments; but that upon inves
salaries of the Missionaries,
themselves reluctantly comp
sterling to £170 sterling,
in actual employment, July
ease with all of the unders

That by engaging to p
of 15 per cent., solely thei
Government fully admitted
the expectation (which has
whenever the resources fro
Crown would be fully susta

That even the renewe
former incomes from the fi
the par of exchange yield
rency, making in this one
sterling, subjecting them t

That the Imperial Ac
Clergy Reserves, expressly
any way pledged, and that

PETITION.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Canada, in Parliament assembled;

The Petition of the undersigned, Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Diocese of Toronto,—

Humbly Sheweth:

That in the early settlement of Upper Canada, the religious wants of the members of the United Church of England and Ireland were supplied by Missionaries appointed under the authority of "The Venerable the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," which Society derived its funds, in part, from an annual grant of sixteen thousand pounds sterling from the Imperial Government.

That prior to the year 1830, the Society usually granted two hundred pounds sterling per annum to its Missionaries, and that relying in good faith on the continuance of the Imperial grants, the Society by its Secretary in England, or its Agent in Canada, the Bishop of Quebec, entered into positive engagements with the undersigned, that they should receive an annual salary of £200 sterling, together with any advantages which might accrue from the possession of glebes, or the contributions of the people.

That, in 1832, the Parliamentary grant began to be reduced, and finally ceased to be paid in 1834; that in consequence thereof, the Society was unable to redeem the pledges made to their Missionaries on the faith of the Government grant.

That the Society and the Colonial authorities, earnestly represented to the Imperial Government the extreme hardship of subjecting to a loss of income Missionaries in the Colonies, many of whom had left their homes in Great Britain, in the service of the Society, and under engagements, which the Society had contracted solely on the faith of the continuance of the Parliamentary grant, that the Imperial Government admitted the force of these representations, and recognized the justice of protecting persons in actual employment from loss of income, and therefore, amongst other arrangements for the rest of British North America, they engaged to relieve the Society entirely from the charge of the Missionaries' stipends in Upper Canada, and of the future payment of £50 sterling, as the pensions of their widows.

That they confined these engagements in Canada to the Upper Province; because as they stated, they had Colonial resources there, of which the Clergy Reserves formed a part, from whence they could meet these engagements; but that upon investigating these resources, they found them inadequate to meet the full amount of the salaries of the Missionaries, and therefore, while they fully admitted the justice and equity of the claims, they felt themselves reluctantly compelled to reduce the salaries which the undersigned had previously enjoyed, from £200 sterling to £170 sterling, which latter sum they pledged themselves to pay to those Missionaries who were in actual employment, July 1st, 1833, and who had previously been in the receipt of £200 sterling, as had been the case with all of the undersigned.

That by engaging to pay 85 per cent. of their original salaries, and pleading in justification of the reduction of 15 per cent., solely their inability to make it good from the resources at their command in the Colony, the Government fully admitted the equity of the claim for the full amount of 100 per cent., and moreover justified the expectation (which had been also held out to them by their venerable Bishop, the good Doctor Stewart) that whenever the resources from whence the 85 per cent. was paid would bear the additional charge, the faith of the Crown would be fully sustained, and the full amount of their original salaries be made good.

That even the renewed pledge made by the Imperial Government in 1834, to pay them 85 per cent. of their former incomes from the first of July, 1833, was not for many years fully redeemed, for whereas £170 sterling at the par of exchange yields £203 16s. 8d. currency, yet for many years they were only paid £188 17s. 8d. currency, making in this one particular an annual loss of £17 19s. currency, and, together with the reduction of £30 sterling, subjecting them to an annual loss altogether of £54 9s. currency.

That the Imperial Act of 1853 giving permission to the Colonial authorities to legislate upon the subject of the Clergy Reserves, expressly reserved all the rights of present incumbents to which the faith of the Crown is in any way pledged, and that your Petitioners urge that these claims as part of their just rights, originally covenanted

to them on the faith of the Imperial Government, do clearly come within the spirit of that reservation of
and therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that they may be allowed from the proceeds of the Clergy Re
the arrears of income to which they are equitably entitled, and may also be permitted to commute for th
sterling, for the remainder of their lives.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

FRANCIS EVANS,
Missionary at Woodhouse.
WILLIAM LEEMING,
Missionary at Chippewa.
JOHN GRIER,
Assistant Missionary at Belleville.
HENRY PATTON,
Missionary at Cornwall.
SALTERN GIVINS,
Late Missionary to the Mohawks, B. 2.
R. ROLPH,
Missionary at March.
A. N. BETHUNE,
Missionary at Cobourg.
MARK BURNHAM,
Missionary at Peterborough.
ROBERT BLAKEY,
Missionary at Prescott.
EDWARD J. BOSWELL,
Missionary at Williamsburgh.

Diocese of Toronto, C. W., February, 1857.

the spirit of that reservation of rights,
the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves,
be permitted to commute for the £30

ANS,
ry at Woodhouse.
EEMING,
ry at Chippewa.

Missionary at Belleville.
TON,
ry at Cornwall.
VINS,
ionary to the Mohawks, B. 2.

y at March.
NE,
y at Cobourg.
AM,
y at Peterborough.
KEY,
t Prescott.
OSWELL,
Williamsburgh.

ORDERED, *by the* LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, *to be Printed, 16th March*, 1857.

PRINTED, 20*th March*, 1857.

TORONTO:
PRINTED BY JOHN LOVELL, YONGE STREET.